

Superior National Forest

Outreach Notice

(Vacancy **not** currently advertised)

Position Title: I.A. Center Manager

Position Grade: GS-462-8/9

Organization: Minnesota Interagency Fire Center

Duty Station: Grand Rapids, MN

Reply by April 26, 2011

The Superior National Forest (SNF) will soon be advertising to fill the position above. The position will be filled as a career ladder. If an employee is selected at the GS-08 grade level they will be automatically promoted to a GS-09 with an annual salary range of **\$47,448 to \$61,678**. If you are interested in being considered, please complete the [Outreach Notice Reply Form](#) at the end of this document.

Contact Information

We encourage you to call or e-mail us as to your interest and learn more about living and working in Grand Rapids, Minnesota. This position offers a challenging career opportunity, as well as the pleasures the way of life living in Northern Minnesota can bring to you. Be sure to check out the web sites for more information.

Tim Norman at (218) 327-4462 (tnorman@fs.fed.us) or **Henry Goehle** at (218) 244-1081 (hgoehle@fs.fed.us) would be glad to provide additional information on this position and the community.

Position Description

The position oversees the management of the initial attack dispatch center for the Superior and Chippewa National Forests. The dispatch center is responsible for dispatching initial fire fighting resources; filling requests from Incident Commanders; orders, dispatches and mobilizes engines, crews and aircraft as needed; gathering weather observation and forecast data, posting it to the web; entering weather data information into WIMS (Weather Information Management System) and relaying weather data; maintaining the Incident Qualifications and Certification System; ensuring individual fire reports are entered into FIRESTAT; creating reports and handling information requests.

This position requires fire suppression experience. This is a secondary firefighter position covered under the provisions of 5 USC 8336© and under 5 USC 8412(d) when it is filled by an incumbent who transfers directly from a primary or another secondary firefighter position with no break in service as a firefighter to this position.

Qualification Requirements for this position can be found in the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Operating Manual for Qualification Standards for General Schedule Positions, which is available from any Federal Government Personnel Office and OPM on their web site (www.opm.gov/qualifications/index.htm)

The Superior National Forest, located in the Northeast tip of Minnesota, is sandwiched between Lake Superior and the Canadian border. One third of its three million acres contains the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW).

The Superior National Forest contains over 2,000 lakes. Even so, only 12% of the Forest's 3.9 million acres is covered by water. The National Forest hosts 27 United States Forest Service campgrounds, 9 Minnesota DNR campgrounds, 2,200 developed campsites within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW), and 254 back country campsites outside the BWCAW. These camping areas provide quick access to 354 fishing lakes, 162 public boat landings, 29 picnic areas, 400 miles of designated hiking trails, 450 miles of groomed cross-country ski trails, and over 1500 miles of canoe routes through the BWCAW.

The northern forest community thrives with its pine, fir, and spruce trees and is home to numerous wildlife species including eagles, deer, gray wolf, common loon, Canadian lynx, moose, and black bear.

- *Gray wolf* : Northern Minnesota is the last stronghold of the gray wolf in the lower 48 states. Approximately 300-400 wolves continue to roam within the boundaries of the Superior National Forest today
- *One of 100 globally important* bird areas by the American Bird Conservancy
- *Fish species* : walleye, northern pike, smallmouth bass, lake trout, brook trout, rainbow trout, and brown trout can be found in abundance
- *Diverse habitat* for a vast array of wildlife species including bald eagle, gray wolf, and Canada lynx, which are species on the Federal endangered list
- Deer, moose, common loon, and black bear are commonly seen

The Minnesota Interagency Fire Center (MIFC) in Grand Rapids Minnesota, houses Superior National forest that are part of the Minnesota Incident Command System. Some of MIFC's programs and services include the Northeast Interagency Fire cache, the Symbols program (Smokey, Woodsy Owl and Fire education), Dispatch Coordinator Center, Wildfire Aviation Management, and Fire Behavior Support.

Grand Rapids Minnesota is a major regional trade center, boasting one of the highest per capita annual retail sales figures of any city in the state. Large national retailers, such as Target, Wal-Mart and K-Mart have found profitability in Grand Rapids, while the prosperous central business district of the community supports small specialty shops and service providers. A modern airport featuring a newly constructed passenger terminal and daily commuter flights to Minneapolis services nearby communities. Grand Rapids is also home to Itasca Community College, a higher learning institution that has provided exceptional training and educational opportunities for thousands of students throughout its history.

Selected as the **49th Best Small Town in America** in the Prentice Hall publication, "The 100 Best Small Towns in America", Grand Rapids, Minnesota offers the best of what life has to offer, from modern conveniences to rustic splendor.

More information about Grand Rapids Minnesota can be found at:

<http://www.grandmn.com>

www.dted.state.mn.us.

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Permanent Full-Time Position

If you would like to be notified when the position is advertised, please complete this form and return to **Tim Norman** via email at **tnorman@fs.fed.us**.

Contact Information

Name:

E-mail address:

Contact Number:

Current Federal Employees:

Agency/Forest:

Series:

Grade:

Position Title:

Type Appointment:

Non-Federal Employees

Current Occupation:

Agency/Company:

Are you eligible to be hired under any of the following special authorities?

Person with Disability

Veterans Readjustment

Disabled Veterans w/30% Compensatory Disability

Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998

Former Peace Corp Volunteer

Other _____

How did you hear about this position?

Replying to this outreach allows us to notify you when the vacancy is posted to USAJobs and AVUE. Applications for this position will be submitted via AVUE at
<https://www.avuedigitalservices.com>

We appreciate your interest in the Superior National Forest.